

Public Statement

On Monday, November 7, 2011, the Cecil Township Municipal Authority received a communicated concern from an individual residing along Creedmore Road, regarding the inexplicable death of marine wildlife in the tributary to Millers Run. This stream receives the effluent discharge from the Authority's Millers Run wastewater treatment plant. As a result, the Authority immediately responded to investigate these concerns.

The Authority's Engineer preliminarily investigated this matter through a site visit. The Authority's respondent determined that a number of fish, crayfish, and worms had expired beginning at a point in the stream directly across from the property located at 75 Creedmore Road with others in distress downstream from this location.

Thereafter, Authority personnel inspected the Millers Run wastewater plant to investigate if the facility may have caused the incident. A thorough inspection revealed that all processes and operations were in proper order. Continuing with this investigation, the Authority's respondent inspected the stream below the plant outfall pipe for several hundred feet; fish were observed swimming freely with no dead or distressed aquatic life.

The Authority respondent contacted the emergency response operator of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, to advise PADEP and the local authorities of this environmental emergency. PADEP sent field personnel to the site and collected water samples from the stream in multiple locations.

Authority personnel returned to the site at first light on November 8, 2011. The Authority Engineer and plant operator began an independent investigation of the stream. Authority respondents discovered a 32 ounce bottle of insecticide labeled "Done Once" Spectracide, Triazicide in the location directly upstream from where the aquatic life was affected.

Upon this realization, Authority respondents contacted PADEP, detailed their findings and inquired how to proceed. The respondents were advised by PADEP to remove the bottle and retain it until PADEP field personnel could arrive. The Authority's respondents complied with this instruction, and further, contacted the Cecil Township Police Department for a full investigation.

At this point in time, the Authority has no reason to believe this incident is a result of the existence or operation of its Millers Run wastewater treatment plant. All evidence and data collected preliminarily indicates that the environmental incident which occurred on the evening of November 7, 2011 was a direct result of a negligent or criminal act in which a container of insecticide was placed either unintentionally or purposefully in the tributary stream to Millers Run. As the matter is investigated more fully, the Authority is committed to working in conjunction with PADEP and the Cecil Township Police Department to resolve the investigation. A full independent investigation will be continued on behalf of the Authority. To this end, anyone with information regarding

this matter is urged to contact either the Cecil Township Police Department, the PADEP or Authority directly.

We, the Cecil Township Municipal Authority will continue to honor the principles that the Authority has been dedicated to uphold – to protect the environment and to preserve and protect the public health and welfare of the residents of Cecil Township.